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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG, EG, US

SUBJECT: SINAI OIL CONCESSIONS

REF: (A) CAIRO 0166, (B) STATE 001261

1. EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION AGREEMENTS DIRECTOR  
CONFIDED TO EMBOFF JAUNARY 19 THAT MINISTER IS WAVERING ON  
QUESTION OF BIDS ON ACREAGE IN SINAI ADJACENT SUEZ CANAL AND  
ONSHORE IN GULF OF SUEZ. MINISTER CONTINUES TO FORESEE  
POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HE DOES NOT WANT TO PROMOTE. EGPC  
BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT EGYPT MUST ACT NOW TO TIE UP SINAI  
OIL AGREEMENTS, WHILE INTEREST IS HIGH. THREE AMERICAN  
COMPANIES ARE, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, "HIGHLY INTERESTED" IN  
SINAI CONCESSIONS. THEY ARE GULF, CHEVRON AND UNION.

2. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, EGPC HAS  
CONSISTENTLY PUSHED THE IDEA OF LETTING-OUT SINAI ACREAGE  
FOR AGREEMENT ON BASIS THAT ACCESS TO THE ACREAGE WILL  
NOT BE GRANTED UNTIL POLITICAL CONDITIONS PERMIT. (THIS  
WAS BASIS OF 1974 AMOCO OIL CONCESSIONS IN GULF OF  
SUEZ). MINISTER, HOWEVER, HAS POSTPONED SINAI BID  
DEADLINE TWICE, FEARING TIME IS NOT POLITICALLY APPROPRIATE  
TO MOVE INTO SINAI DISCUSSIONS. WE SUSPECT HE WILL  
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